GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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CAG REPORT ON EXPENDITURE ON JGSY AND EAS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C&AG in its report No.3 of 2000 (Civil) on pages 211-212 in paras 4.5.8 and 9 have brought out the fact of treating Rs. 754 crores lying unutilised /unadjusted, as final expenditure;

(b) whether Rs. 251.81 crore were spent on construction activities not covered under the guidelines of JGSY/EAS;

(c) whether a sum of Rs.9.52 crore has been misappropriated/fictitious payments made as reported in the said report at para 4.5.11;

(d) if so, whether an inquiry has been conducted in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and action taken against the officials responsible therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement referred to in Reply to Parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 237 due for Answer on 30th July, 2002.

The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) reviewed, by test check, theimplementation of the (erstwhile) Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and the EmploymentAssurance Scheme (EAS) during the period from 1992-93 to 1998-99. The review did notcover the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY) which was launched in April, 1999and has since been merged with the Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana (SGRY). Thereview of the JRY/EAS was conducted during December 1998 - July 1999 and thefindings have been incorporated in CAG`s Report No. 3 of 2000 (Civil) which, inter alia,contains certain cases of diversion of JRY/EAS funds to activities not connected with these Programmes, funds lying unutilized or funds provided as advances being treated as final expenditure and suspected misappropriation of funds.

2. The observations of the CAG were referred to the concerned State Governmentsand Union Territory Administrations for enquiry and for sending Action Taken Reports (ATRs). As per the ATRs received from some States/UTs, where diversion of funds has been established, the amount involved was subsequently recouped to the Programme concerned. As regards discrepancy in the final expenditure, the States/UTs have reported that the same was related to the funds provided as advances which, in most of the cases, have been adjusted. In respect of cases of misappropriation, the States/UTs have intimated that, wherever misappropriation could be established, Criminal/Departmental cases have been initiated against the individuals concerned.